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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

It is TOTALLY UNFAIR that low-volume phone users should pay the same amount of USF fees as a high-volume user. Already, fees and taxes account for 15% of my monthly phone bill and I CANNOT afford to pay even more in fees just so big business can get a break on fees that likely account for a much smaller portion of their monthly charges.

I use my cell phone sparingly and carry a prepaid plan because I can't afford the fees, taxes, etc associated with a normal call-phone package. I will be forced to give it up altogether if you guys adopt this giveaway to big business.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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